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**GOTHAM CITY.
THEN.**

WHERE.
IS. THE.
CHILD?!

PLEASE!!

BATMAN!

I THINK YOU SHOULD
PUT HIM DOWN. HE
DOESN'T KNOW.

HOW DO
YOU KNOW,
ROBIN?

I JUST--
I JUST
DO.

Ннн.

**АА!
АААА!**

WHY?

BECAUSE
THIS IS A
LESSON. WE
CAN'T TRUST
CRIMINALS.

FEAR IS THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES THEM TELL THE *TRUTH*. FEAR IS WHAT MAKES THEM HONEST.

WHEN IT
COMES TO
CRIMINALS, *THEIR*
FEAR IS MORE
IMPORTANT...

No
--OOF!

MOSCOW.

FALLEN MONUMENT PARK.

NOW.

"...THAN YOUR
TRUST."

YOU
LOOK CONFUSED,
MAN. HERE'S A LITTLE
REMINDER IN CASE
YOU'RE AS OUT
OF IT AS YOU
LOOK.

I am.

YOU'RE
NIGHTWING. YOU
WORK FOR THE
PARLIAMENT OF
OWLS.

Undercover,
of course,
because they're
bad guys, duh.

I'M
YOUR NEW
PARTNER,
RAPTOR.

Right. The self-proclaimed
"liberator of assets" who
the Parliament assigned me
to because I wasn't doing
enough "bad." The guy
who thinks he's--

Better Than BATMAN

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REMEMBER NOW?

YEAH. YOU **ATTACKED** ME. YOU GAPPED ME. NOT QUALITIES I LOOK FOR IN PARTNERS. SO I HOPE YOU HAD FUN CUZ I'M OUT.

One thing Batman taught me. Don't fight when a nice "Later, dork" will do.



HEY, WAIT! I WAS JUST TRYING TO RELATE TO YOU ON YOUR LEVEL. ISN'T THAT HOW IT WORKS WITH THE **SUPERHERO CROWD**? FIGHT, THEN TEAM UP?

Sigh. But then again, Batman has fought every friend and ally at least once...his and Superman's fights are their versions of getting a beer and talking about sports.



GO AHEAD AND SAY YOUR PIECE SO I CAN GET OUT OF HERE.

THE **PARLIAMENT OF OWLS** HAS A NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR US.

EVER HEARD OF THE **KOBRA CULT**?



I'M FAMILIAR. THEY WEAR SCALY PANTS AND WORSHIP "AN AGE OF CHAOS."

WELL, THEY HIJACKED A SHIP IN THE BLACK SEA BELONGING TO A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT.



WE NEED TO GET TO THE SHIP, AND RESCUE THE PASSENGERS BEFORE THEY ENTER A KOBRA-FRIENDLY PORT.

WHRR-TIK TIK



BUTEO.

LOOK, 'WING, YOU MAY BE THE PARLIAMENT'S "BIG GET," TRAINED BY THE **BATMAN OF GOTHAM** HIMSELF...

...BUT **BATMAN'S NOT HERE.**

He's not. And Bruce has made it clear he wants me to make my own calls.

Raptor's a thief. An outlaw. But he's already got a plan and he thinks it's his job to keep an eye on me, even if he's only doing it for the Parliament's money.

YOU'RE A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND. YOU NEED ME.

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YOU'RE A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND. YOU NEED ME.

YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SPOT YOU.

I did promise Batgirl. I told her I'd swing back.

YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SPOT YOU.

I did promise Batgirl. I told her I'd swing back.

ALL RIGHT, RAPTOR, SINCE YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH TO TEACH AND EVERYTHING I LEARNED FROM BATMAN IS SO WRONG, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

VRRRRRRNNNN

ALL RIGHT, RAPTOR, SINCE YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH TO TEACH AND EVERYTHING I LEARNED FROM BATMAN IS SO WRONG, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

VRRRRRRNNNN

FIRST THINGS FIRST, PARTNER. SIDEKICKS IN THE BACK.

FIRST THINGS FIRST, PARTNER. SIDEKICKS IN THE BACK.

MORNING.

HEY, DICK.
SO I'M IN
TOKYO...

YOU WERE
JUST IN GOTHAM
TWO DAYS AGO,
BABS. YOU DIDN'T
MENTION YOU
WERE GOING
ANYWHERE.

YEAH, WELL,
GOTHAM SEEMED
PRETTY WELL TAKEN
CARE OF WITH **BATWOMAN'S**
BOOTCAMP CREW AND THE
GOTHAM TWINS PATROLLING
THE STREETS. THE MORE I
THOUGHT ABOUT IT THE MORE
JEALOUS I GOT OF YOUR
GLOBE-TROTTING.



SO I THOUGHT
I'D USE MY BOOTS
FOR A LITTLE
WALKING.

COULD WE
MEET UP? YOU
WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO
BE ANYWHERE NEAR
HACHIKO SQUARE BY
CHANCE, WOULD
YOU?

NOT
QUITE. BUT
I COULD GET
THERE, ONCE I
WRAP UP THIS
MISSION.

KLONG

TOMORROW NIGHT.
MIDNIGHT. I'LL TEXT
YOU THE LOCATION.
OH, AND YOU BETTER
BRING ME MY
PRESENT.

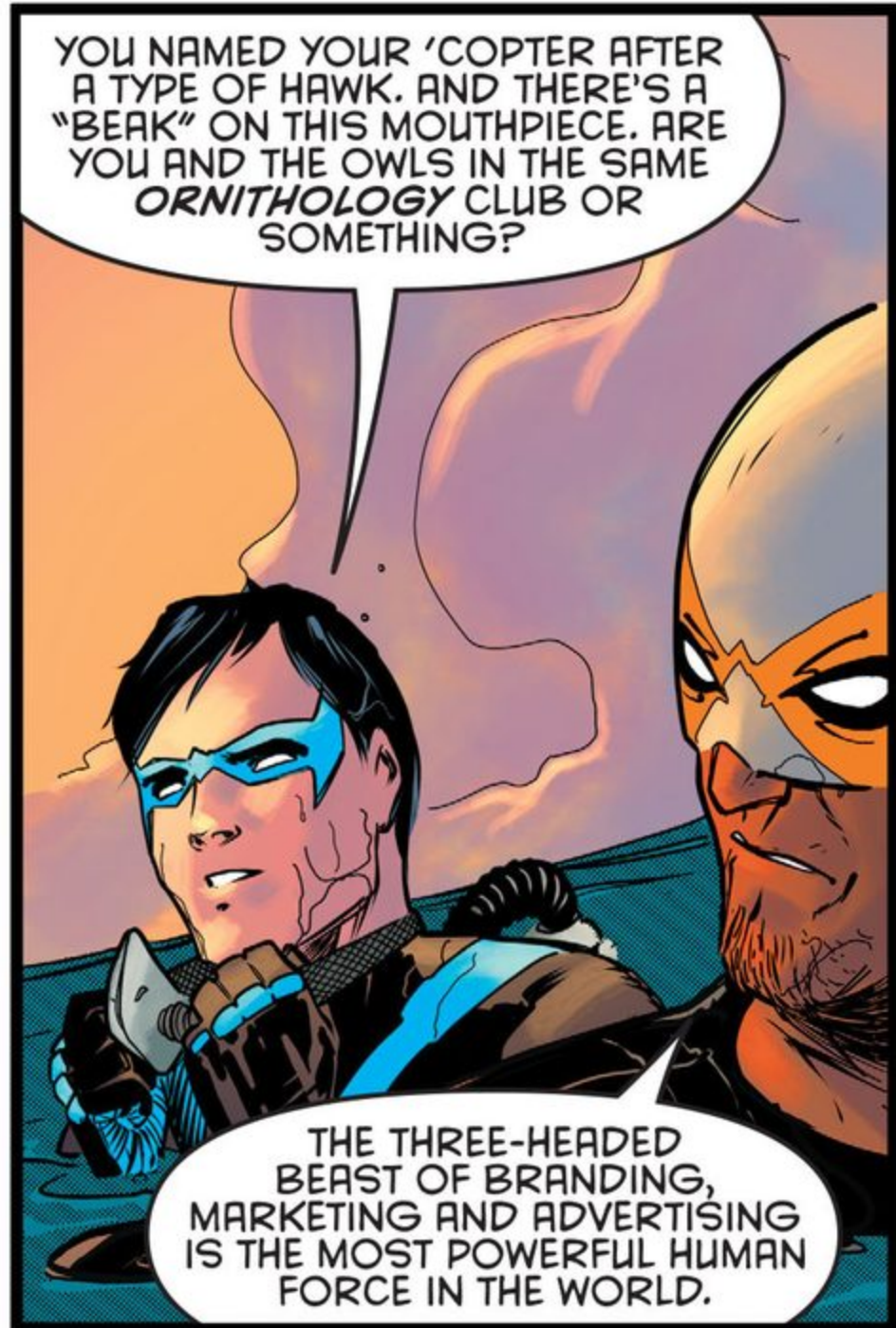
WELL,
I CAN'T GIVE
IT TO ANYONE
ELSE. IT'S GOT
YOUR NAME
ON IT.





OKAY. IN THE MEAN-TIME, DON'T DO ANYTHING TOO DANGEROUS.

ME? DO SOMETHING DANGEROUS? BABS, IT'S LIKE YOU HARDLY KNOW ME. NIGHTWING OUT.



YOU NAMED YOUR 'COPTER AFTER A TYPE OF HAWK. AND THERE'S A "BEAK" ON THIS MOUTHPIECE. ARE YOU AND THE OWLS IN THE SAME ORNITHOLOGY CLUB OR SOMETHING?

THE THREE-HEADED BEAST OF BRANDING, MARKETING AND ADVERTISING IS THE MOST POWERFUL HUMAN FORCE IN THE WORLD.



INCIDENTALLY, SHARK.



GAH!

COMMON THRESHER. NOT KNOWN TO ATTACK IN THE WILD.

ANYWAY, THE **BEAST** CONVINCES PEOPLE TO BUY THINGS THEY DON'T NEED. TO TRUST FACELESS CORPORATIONS.



IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A MARK IN THE WORLD ANYMORE, YOU HAVE TO APPROPRIATE THE BEAST'S METHODS.

SEE, BEING BRANDED A THIEF IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD WILL GET YOUR HAND CUT OFF.

SO I'VE GOT MYSELF SOME BRIGHT COLORS AND A **SYMBOL** ON MY CHEST.



I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU. BIG BLUE BIRD. IT JUST SCREAMS "BRAND EXTENSION OF BATMAN."

THAT'S WHY THE PARLIAMENT WANTS YOU SO BAD, RIGHT? YOU'VE GOT "HIP NEW VERSION OF AN OLD BELOVED PRODUCT" WRITTEN ALL OVER YOU.



HELL, YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A THEME SONG.

Well, I mean, it's a work in progress.



Not that much rhymes with Nightwing besides "tight thing..."

UNGHK!

RAPTOR?

>Sigh< Who's spotting who?

There's part of me that
sees this and thinks:
"Keep on swimmin',
Dick."

I'm only letting the
Parliament of Owls
hold my reins so I
can find a way to
expose them.

Raptor only
makes the reins
tighter.

But Batman also taught
me every life is worth
saving. Even if it always
seemed like I believed
it more than he did.

WHRR-TIK

Not that Raptor
doesn't seem to
be able to hold
his own.

I've heard my fighting
style described as jazz.
Disciplined, but not
adverse to improvisation.

PSSSH

Raptor's style
is sort of like a
freestyle rap
battle.

Aggressive, quick,
and surprisingly
clever.

This guy is
lucky he's got
those thick
scales.



I THOUGHT
YOU SAID THEY
DIDN'T ATTACK
PEOPLE?!

THEY
DO ATTACK
SNAKE DUDES
WHO I'VE SPRAYED
WITH **SHARK**
ATTRACTANT.

WHY
DO YOU
EVEN **HAVE**
THAT?



SUYOLAK HAS WHATEVER
I NEED. ALSO, I'M NOT SURE
THAT GUY COUNTED AS
"PEOPLE."

GENETIC
MODIFICATION.
HYDROPHIINAE
DNA.

CORAL
REEF
SNAKE.



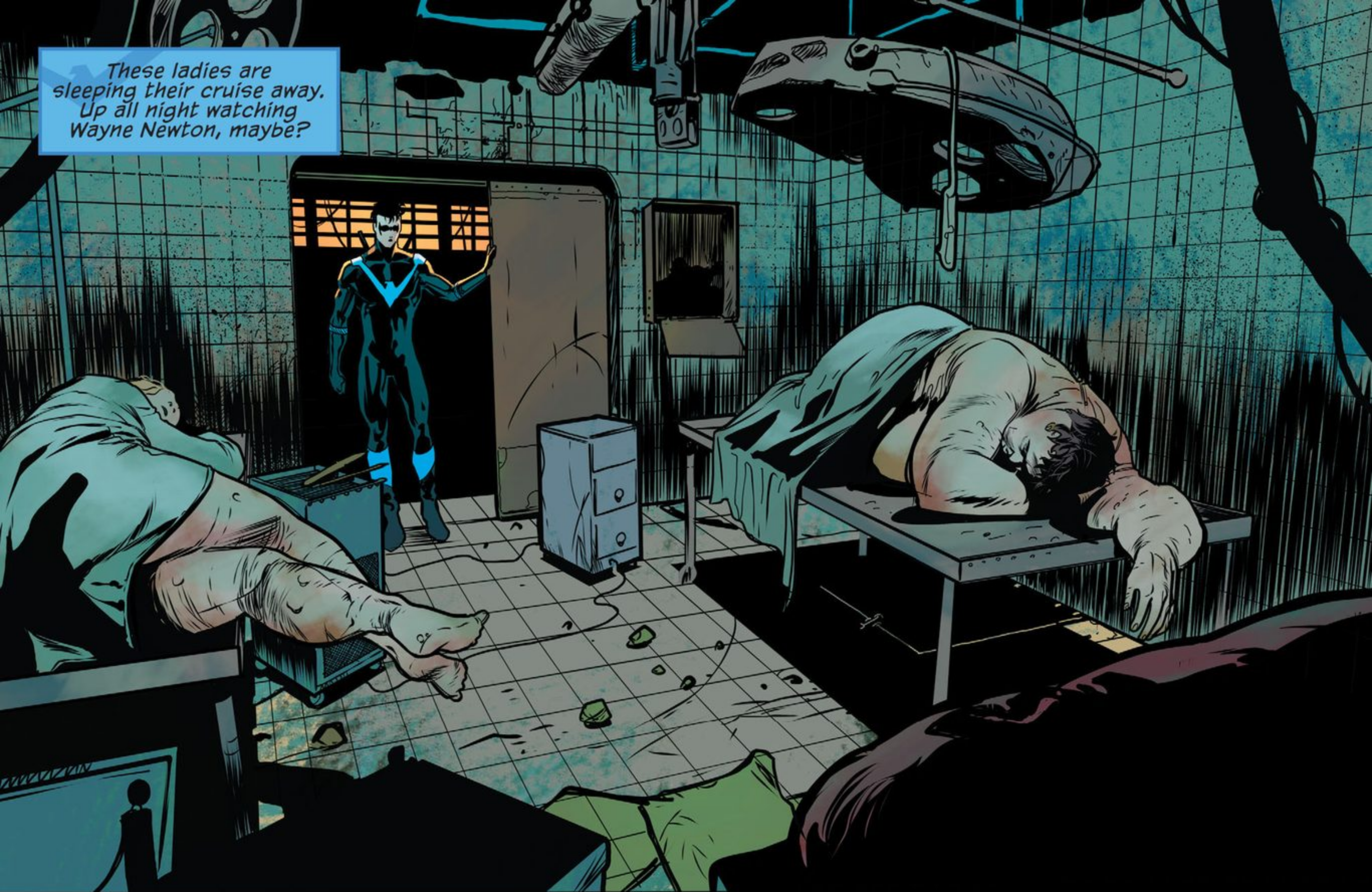
SO I'M
GUESSING YOU
DIDN'T CONSIDER
MUTANT CULTISTS
IN YOUR
"PLAN"?

I'LL BE
HONEST WITH YOU,
NIGHTWING. I HAVE
TO HAVE WHATEVER
I NEED BECAUSE I'M
NOT MUCH OF A
PLANNER.





These ladies are sleeping their cruise away. Up all night watching Wayne Newton, maybe?



MR'AM?
ARE YOU
OKAY?

I hear...
music? From
beneath the
bed.



Arabic, I think.
Definitely not
Wayne Newton.



Yeah. Some kind of
"welcoming song."
Happy. Joyous.



With a touch of
desperation...



SHE IS
BORN. SHE
GIVES THE GIFT
OF VENOM.



ONLY THE DAUGHTERS OF KOBRA ARE WORTHY OF THE COMING AGE.

I CAN GIVE THEM ALL SUCH BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN.

--!!!



NIGHTWING!

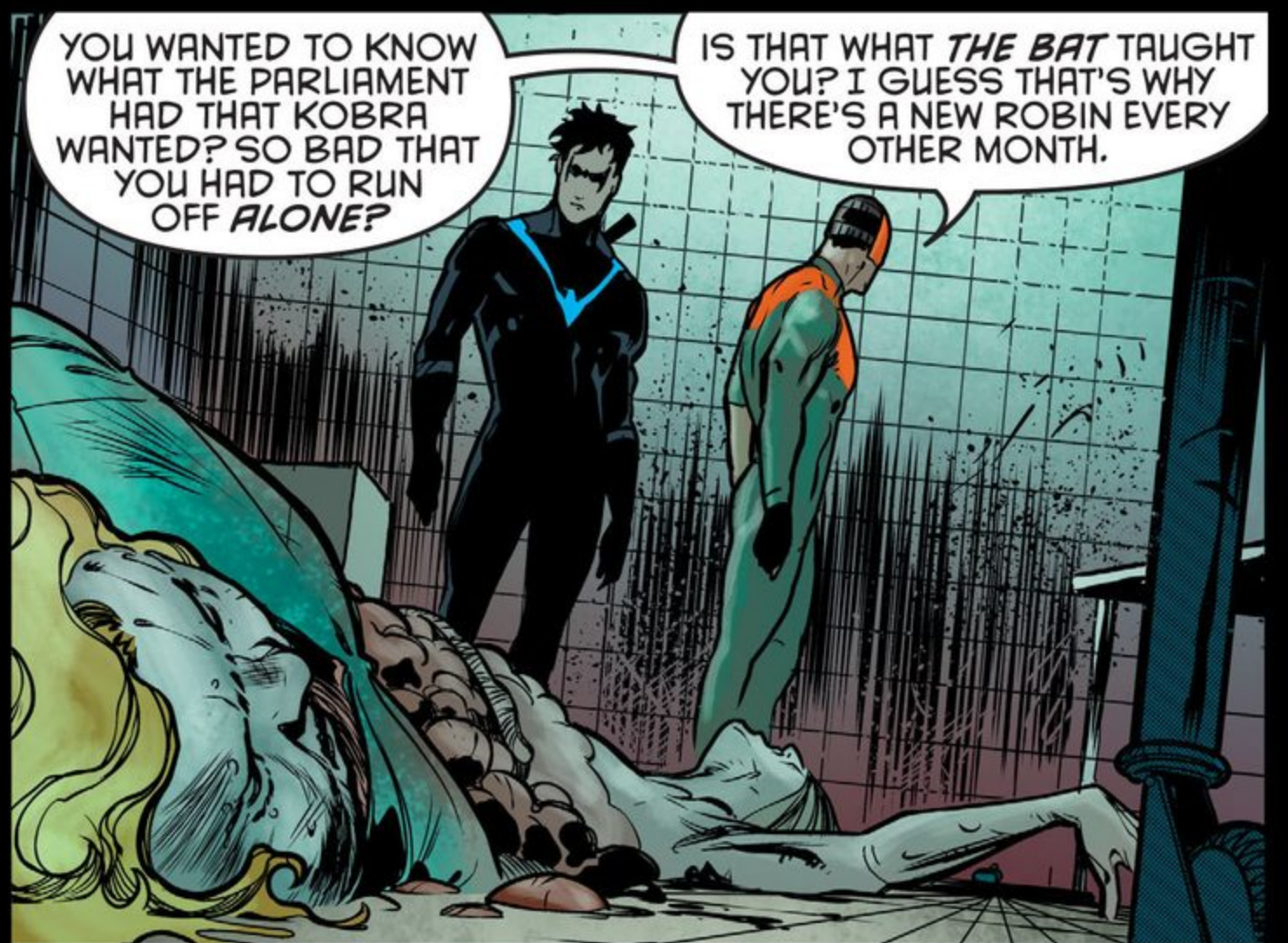
HCCCH!



POK

POK

THIS IS REALLY MAKING ME RECONSIDER GIVING THAT NESTING DOLL AS A GIFT.



YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE PARLIAMENT HAD THAT KOBRA WANTED? SO BAD THAT YOU HAD TO RUN OFF ALONE?

IS THAT WHAT *THE BAT* TAUGHT YOU? I GUESS THAT'S WHY THERE'S A NEW ROBIN EVERY OTHER MONTH.





REFUGEES.



WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP YOU,
OKAY?

SUPER-
HERO.

SUPER-
HERO HELP.

*A brand
extension of
Batman.*



BIRDIE.

*Some bright
colors and
a symbol on
my chest.*



WHAT WOULD THE
PARLIAMENT WANT
WITH THEM?

THE PARLIAMENT IS
CREATING A NEW *NATION*
ON THE BONES OF GREECE,
OUTSIDE OF THE RULES THAT
GOVERN THE REST OF THE
WORLD. ITS FOUNDATION
WILL BE MONEY AND
HISTORY.



IT'LL BE A
STRONGHOLD
FOR THE
ELITE.



AND
THESE PEOPLE
WILL *BUILD* ITS
WALLS.

CHANIA, CRETE, GREECE.

I CALL THIS
COUNCIL OF THE
PARLIAMENT TO
ORDER.

THANK
YOU FOR MEETING
WITH US, *GRAY SON
OF GOTHAM.
RAPTOR.*

WE
WILL HAVE
WORDS WITH
BOTH OF
YOU.

MY BROTHER
AND SISTER OWLS
ARE EXPRESSING
SATISFACTION WITH
YOUR SERVICE.

OUR SHIP
AND OUR CARGO
WERE RECOVERED
SUCCESSFULLY.

HEY, WHAT
CAN WE SAY?
YOU PICKED A
WINNER COMBO,
ORATOR.

BIRDS OF A
FEATHER, RIGHT,
'WING?

*I almost believed
that for a second.
That we had
something in
common.*

HERE
IS YOUR NEXT
MISSION. WE EXPECT
GREAT THINGS FROM
THE TWO OF YOU.
GREAT THINGS.

*But Raptor
doesn't feel
anything.*

Not pain.
Not guilt.
Not remorse.

NIGHTWING.
STOP.

GO TO HELL,
RAPTOR. WE'RE
DONE.

I DON'T
THINK WE
ARE.

FWIP

HNF.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU WANT,
NIGHTWING. YOU WANT
THE OWLS **DESTROYED**.
BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

YOU PLAYED THE **LONG GAME**,
WAITING FOR THE PERFECT
MOMENT. YOU TOOK JOBS
THAT KEPT YOU IN THE LIGHT.
YOU DIDN'T FALL INTO
THE DARKNESS.

BUT YOU
HAD TO WORK
WITH **ME**. A GUY
WHO HAS GOT ONE
FOOT IN THE
DARK.

SHUT
UP.

A GUY WHO YOU JUST
WATCHED DELIVER INNOCENT,
TERRIFIED PEOPLE TO THE
WAITING CLAWS OF THE
PARLIAMENT.

DON'T
YOU EVER
STOP
TALKING?!





OUT ON THE
PRECIPICE. ABOUT
TO LEAP. KNOWING
SOMEONE WOULD
CATCH YOU.

NOT
YOUR MOTHER.
NOT YOUR
FATHER.



SOMEONE WITH A
FOOT IN THE DARK
JUST LIKE ME.

SOME-
ONE WHO USED
FEAR AS A
WEAPON.

BATMAN.



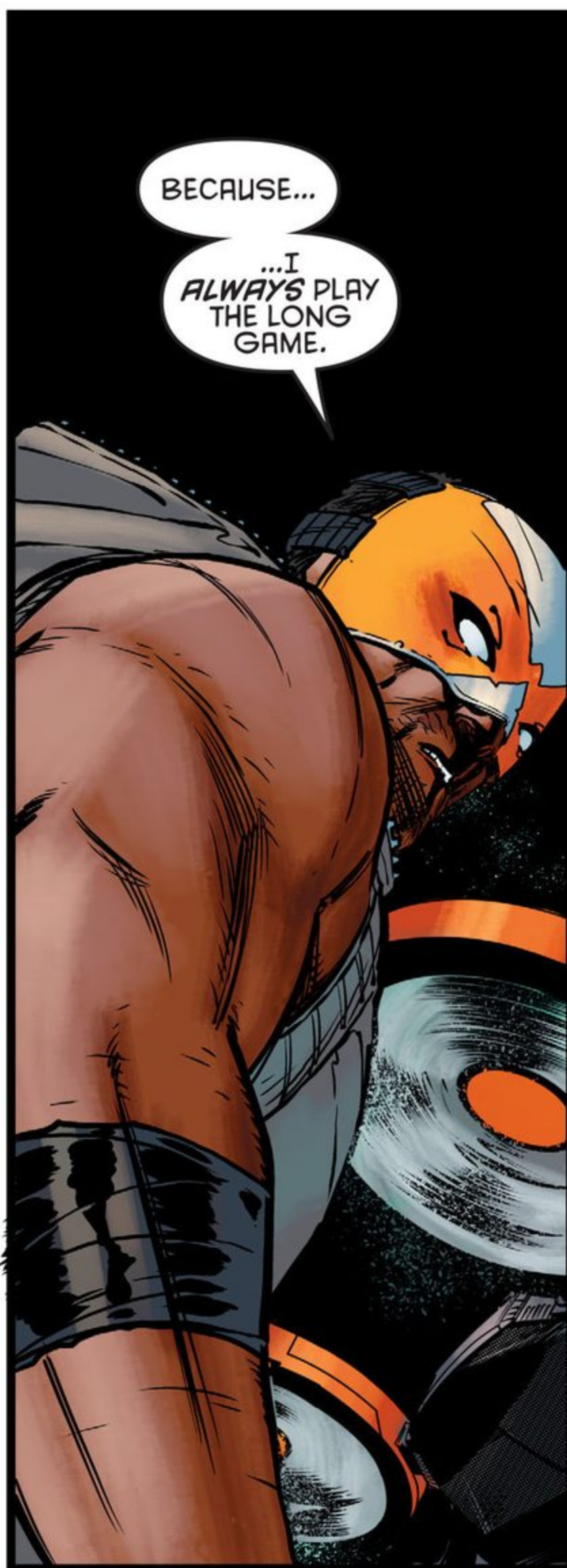
BUTEO.



YOU TRUSTED HIM.
YOU CAN *TRUST* ME.
I WON'T LET YOU FALL
TOO FAR INTO THE
DARK. I'LL CATCH
YOU.

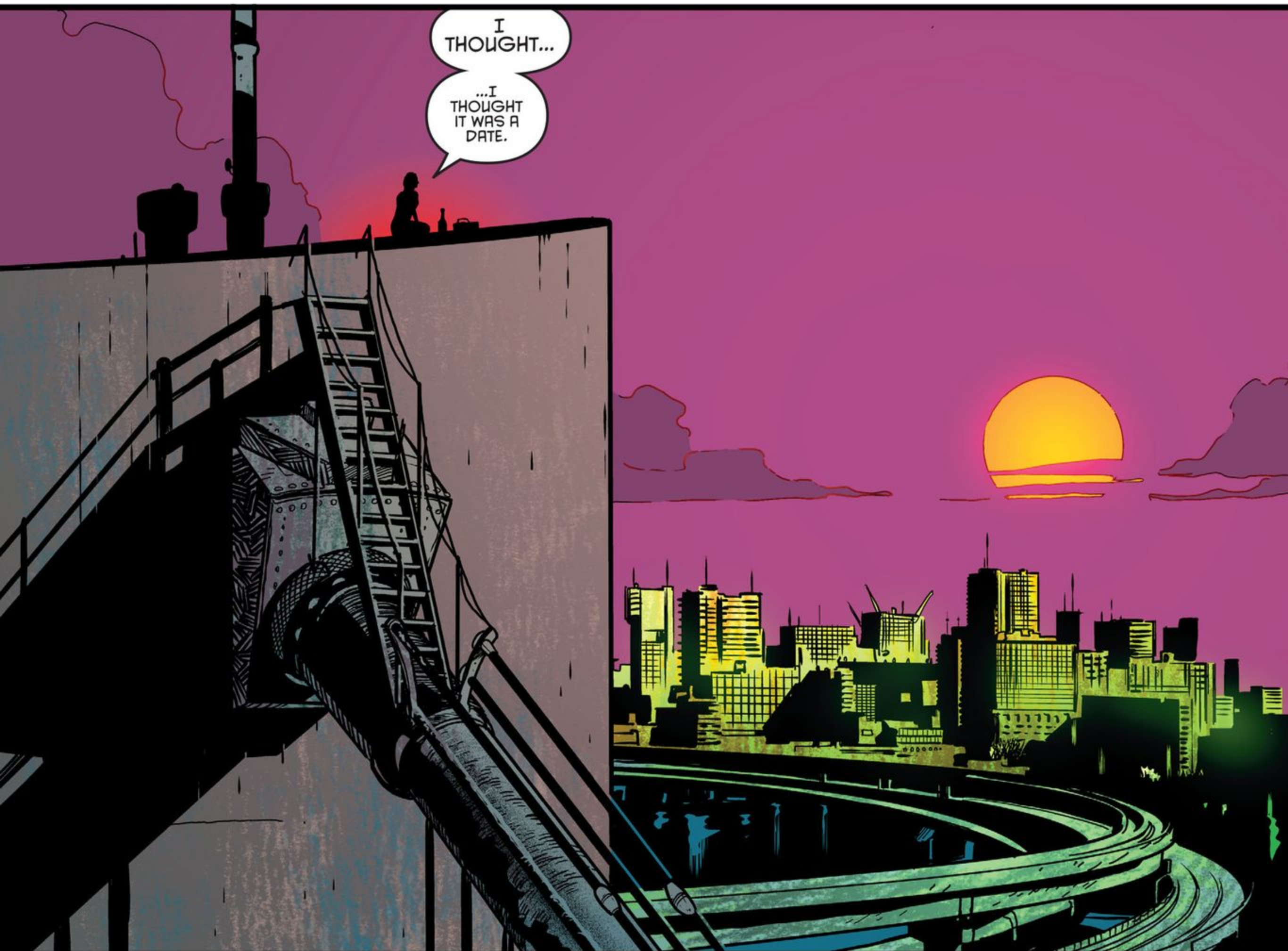
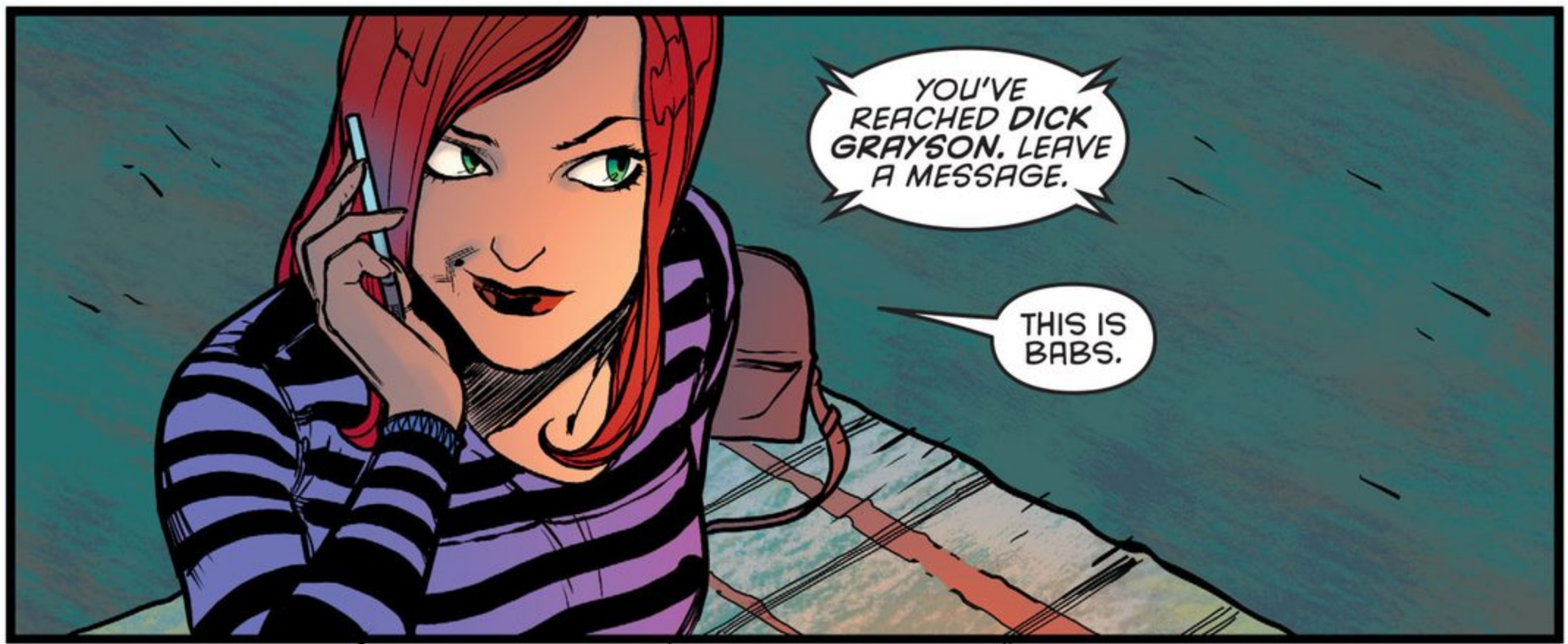
NOW, YOU
CAN STAND THERE,
AFRAID TO LEAP,
OR YOU CAN COME
ON THE NEXT
MISSION.

WHY?!
WHY DO YOU
CARE ABOUT THOSE
PEOPLE? ABOUT THE
PARLIAMENT?
ABOUT *ME*?



BECAUSE...

...I
ALWAYS PLAY
THE LONG
GAME.





Rainbow Bridge, Minato, Tokyo. Midnight. Okay, so it's a lil' dangerous. ;)



KINDA CLOSE TO THE EDGE THERE, KID.



WHAT, ARE YOU GONNA JUMP?

YEAH.



YOU COULD SAY THAT.

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